

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: December 2, 2002

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Real Property Tax
Revision Amendment Act of 2002"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation - No Bill Number Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan as agreed upon by the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia. No additional staff or resources will be required to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation is an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the FY 2003 Budget Support Amendment Act. The purpose of the proposed title is to establish a new class III for vacant and abandoned property and establish a tax rate of \$5.00 per \$100 of assessed value. The proposed legislation stipulates conditions by which a vacant or abandoned property would not be reclassified. These conditions preclude reclassification due to abandonment or vacancy caused by tragic circumstance, active marketing of the property by the owner, anticipated construction or demolition. In these cases the class I assessment will remain in force.

Financial Plan Impact

The provisions of the proposed legislation will not change the estimated financial impacts of Title XIII of bill 14-892 "Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Support Amendment Act of 2002" because few properties would be affected.

The Chief Financial Officer's legislative fiscal analysis is prepared by the Special Projects and Fiscal Analysis Administration in the Office of Research and Analysis. Contact us at 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 400S, Washington D.C., 20001 or view our work on-line at <http://cfo.dc.gov>.